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E. Harvey Miller Seeks District Legislative Office

Would Succeed E. R. Fatland Who Will Not be Candidate

Local politics took on added interest this week with announcement of E. Harvey Miller that he has filed with the secretary of state his intention to seek the republican nomination for the office of representative from the 22nd district. Miller seeks the place held by E. R. Fatland of Condon who has signified his intention of remaining out of the race after having served as speaker of the house at the last session.

In seeking the nomination, Miller says he believes Morrow county is entitled to a representative. He has no personal or special axe to grind and his action is prompted by a desire to assist in shaping legislation that will be good for his district and to prevent, where possible, that which will not be of benefit. Conditions in the four counties of the district, Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, are quite similar, with grain farming and stock raising the principal industries.

Miller is chairman of the AAA set-up in Morrow county, is a practical farmer and has been prominently identified with the Eastern Oregon Wheat league since its organization. He is a past master of Lexington grange and at present is exalted ruler of Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E.

Another announcement which will stir up interest in the campaign is that of Elbert L. Cox of Heppner, who seeks the nomination for sheriff on the republican ticket. Cox was formerly a deputy under Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman. He is an ex-service man and at present is engaged in farming and hauling mail on the Heppner-Hardman-Eight Mile route.

Another candidacy having bearing on this district is that of Rex Ellis of Pendleton, present joint senator from Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties, who has announced his intention of seeking the nomination for representative in congress from the second district on the republican ticket. Ellis will not relinquish the senatorial post, it is stated, awaiting outcome of the primary election.

Highway Engineer Visits County Court

Oscar Cutler, office engineer of the state highway commission, was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday, coming on matters pertaining to acceptance of maintenance of certain roads in Morrow county. He conferred with the county court relative to the state taking over the Jarman-Pine City highway, completed last year by Morrow and Umatilla counties. An agreement was reached whereby the state will bear maintenance cost for one year.

The court desires to have the state take over the Patterson ferry road at Irrigon. This is a short piece of road connecting the ferry landing with the Columbia river highway and used principally by interstate travelers.

MRS. KENNY STRICKEN

The condition of Mrs. Michael Kenny, pioneer resident of Morrow county, who suffered a stroke Tuesday morning, is reported critical by her physician. Her right side is paralyzed and this in connection with a weak heart makes the situation doubtful. Members of her family have been constantly at the bedside since the stroke occurred.

CAMP QUESTION STILL IN DOUBT

Status of Camp Heppner Not Settled Until Congress Acts One Way or Another, Pierce Says

To be or not to be seems to apply to the situation of Camp Heppner CCC these days. First it is definitely stated that the camp will close July 1, 1940. Another published report sent out from Washington includes the camp in a list of north-west camps marked for closing if the economy program is carried out. That appeared to close the case and local camp officials and citizens of the community have accepted the inevitable.

Now comes a memorandum from Congressman Walter M. Pierce which throws new light on the case and opens a new possibility for continuance of the camp. The memorandum, addressed to the Heppner chamber of commerce, confirms the belief held by city officials that it is not the desire of the CCC authority to discontinue the camp inasmuch as negotiations have been made for renewal of leases on the property occupied by the service.

"I have talked with various agencies again about the important camps which should be held," writes Mr. Pierce, "and I find they have very definite plans for completing work programs. They intend to keep all camps going seasonally, or in alternation until the work is done. They will keep their buildings and be ready to re-occupy the camps when they suspend some other camp temporarily.

"Everyone is still marking time as to CCC. We still have some hope of an adequate appropriation."

Safeway Manager Plans Celerbation

J. A. Anglin has been manager of the Safeway store in Heppner for ten years and he plans to do something about it. He has set Saturday, March 23, as the date for a celebration at the store. He was transferred to Heppner from Yakima to take charge of the store then located in the Hotel Heppner building and known as the MacMarr store.

Says Mr. Anglin: "We so well remember when we first arrived here. We said, as many other strangers say, especially those coming from larger cities, 'we wonder if we can learn to like it here.' But the love for the community and its people grew on us all the time.

"Many changes have taken place since that time," he continued, "especially in population. So many have passed away and others moved away until it seems like almost a new populace occupies the community. During these ten years Mrs. Anglin and myself have no trouble in learning to love the people of Morrow county. We, as many others, have had many tests and trials including the loss of some of our loved ones, but also have shared many blessings.

"First, we want to thank the people of Heppner and surrounding communities for their friendship and for the privilege of serving so many of them in the capacity of store manager. We have not only tried to make satisfied customers in business but have constantly tried to make friends without business associations, and we truly respect them all. No matter how long we may reside in this community we want this spirit of faithfulness and friendship to continue and will always do our best to make such possible.

"We have always taken pride in your children and we love them and can assure you of special service to them as they enter our store.

"Safeway of Heppner truly joins with you to thank the people of this community for their past friendship and we hope we may be better friends in the future."

Let G. T. Want Ads help you dispose of surplus stock.

Death Claims George H. Hayden, Prominent Citizen

Long Resident of Hardman Section Was Road Builder

George H. Hayden, 65, for many years a resident of the Hardman section, died suddenly shortly after midnight, Sunday, March 17. Death was due to a heart attack and occurred at the school house where, in company with Mrs. Hayden, he was attending a party.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, from the I. O. O. F. hall in Hardman, Rev. Martin Clark of Heppner officiating. A quartet from Heppner comprised of J. O. Turner, Frank Turner, C. W. Barlow and Martin Clark, sang. Burial was in Haystack cemetery near Spray.

George Henry Hayden was a native of Oregon. He was born near Salem, Sept. 9, 1874, being at time of death aged 65 years, six months and eight days. He came to Eastern Oregon in 1878 and in 1900 was married to Maude Carsner of Spray. They later moved to the southern part of the state and from 1908 to 1914 he conducted a jewelry store in Klamath Falls.

Mr. Hayden was a mechanic of fine ability and he gave Morrow county valuable service for many years while employed in road work. In recent years he operated a saw-mill in the timber south of Hardman in which his son, Marion, was associated.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hayden, Warren, Marion and two baby daughters. Marion is the only surviving child. Besides Mrs. Hayden and Marion, a brother, Edward Hayden of Klamath Falls and a sister, Mrs. Lillie Smith of Kimberley survive him.

Mr. Hayden was a prominent citizen of Hardman and of the county. He was ever ready to do his part in any civic enterprise or wherever his services were needed. A kindly man, a good neighbor, he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Early Settlers on Blackhorse Visit

The Blackhorse section of Morrow county was an open country, fenceless and houseless, when J. D. Kirk first saw it. But not for long, for Mr. Kirk selected a piece of land and made a homestead filing, thus becoming the first settler in that district. His earliest and nearest neighbors were W. G. McCarty and R. W. Turner, who were among the first to settle in the Sand Hollow region.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk left Blackhorse in 1895, settling at Ritter Springs. After an eight-year residence at the springs they moved to Ukiah, which has been their home since 1903. The Blackhorse ranch was sold to Frank Bell and the property is still referred to as the Bell place.

Mr. Kirk recalled that he bought a lot and put up a store building in Lexington, on the corner now occupied by the Standard Service station. The building was lost in the fire which destroyed most of the town and he did not rebuild.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk, who spent Wednesday at the home of their son, M. N. Kirk and family, have been on an extensive trip, spending some time at Port Angeles and Seattle, Wash., and returning via Vancouver, B. C., Spokane and Walla Walla.

Mrs. Virginia Vanderhoof and family of Bend are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hill.

GERMANY UNDER HITLER DESCRIBED

Dr. Emma Gordon Tells of Experiences During Six Years of Study in German Capital

Do you appreciate the right of free speech? Are you satisfied with your privilege to vote for whom you please, for the right of owning a home and of transacting business without too much governmental interference? If you are you should remain in the United States. That is the opinion of Dr. Emma Gordon as expressed by her to a large audience at the high school gym-auditorium last evening.

Mrs. Gordon spent six years in Germany, 1931-38. She was there six months before Hitler took over. She witnessed the transition from the democratic form of government under Von Hindenburg to the highly organized Nazi regime of today and there is little about the entire system to appeal to a liberty-loving American. According to her estimate the ruling class has done nothing short of enslaving the people and the only hope of the populace to break the yoke is for the allies to win a decisive victory in the present war.

Herder Burned by Flaming Gasoline

Walter Ritzert, night herder at the Jack Glavey ranch on Rhea creek, had a narrow escape from serious injury last Saturday night when gasoline he was pouring from a five-gallon can into a lamp ignited. Ritzert suffered severe burns on one arm and but for presence of mind might have experienced something much worse.

Working alone in the sheep shed, Ritzert placed a lighted lantern about six feet from the gasoline can. In the process of filling the lamp either fumes from the storage can were ignited or some of the gasoline was spilled too close to the lantern. Ritzert didn't know how it happened, except that flames were shooting up around him. He had the presence of mind to put out the fire in the shed and to carry the flaming gasoline can outside. Once outside he rolled in the dirt to put out the fire which was rapidly enveloping his clothing.

Returning to the shed, Ritzert was astonished to see flames shooting from the backs of some of the sheep. He seized a burlap sack and put an end to this hazard. With fire extinguished in the sheep shed, Ritzert took time to consider himself. He was brought to a physician in Heppner where his burned hand was dressed. He returned to his work.

CONDITION CRITICAL

Telegraphic word this morning from Portland this morning told that a critical turn was taken in the illness of Spencer Crawford, Gazette Times manager, who has been confined at U. S. Veterans hospital in the city since mid-December. Mrs. Crawford and son John, and Mrs. Cora Crawford, mother, left for the city this morning, taken by R. B. Ferguson, in response to the word.

ATTEND HIGHWAY MEETING

County Commissioner George Peck, Harry Tamblin, engineer, and P. W. Mahoney are attending a meeting of the highway commission in Portland this afternoon. The delegation from here is presenting the Heppner-Spray and Heppner-Lena highways for consideration of the commission. It is hoped to get work started on the Heppner-Spray highway the forthcoming summer as money has already been allocated for surfacing the road from the top of Heppner hill to Rugg's. Work on the Lena unit will be urged, particularly surfacing from the Hanna ranch to Little Butter creek. Mahoney is chairman of the highway committee of the chamber of commerce.

Easter Program Will Open With Sunrise Service

Cantata by United Choirs to Climax Day's Activities

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock, if the sun is shining, there will be a sunrise service on top of Morrow hill, lofty butte looking down upon Heppner from the southeast. Churches of the city are uniting in presenting this service, which is observed in similar fashion throughout the Christian world.

It takes courage to roll out of bed and ascend a lofty hill at such an early hour but the church people are expecting a good turnout Sunday morning. The young people of the churches will be in charge of the service and there will be talks by Rev. R. C. Young, Rev. Martin Clark and Rev. Noble. The service is designed to extend over three quarters of an hour.

Boy Scouts erected the cross that may be seen from a large part of the town.

The churches will observe Easter in appropriate manner during morning services. Holy communion will be held at the Methodist church at 7:30 a. m. and an Easter sermon and special music will feature the 11 o'clock service. Two communion services have been announced at the Episcopal church.

At 7:30 p. m. a chorus of 25 voices will present a cantata, "Memories of Easter Morn." This is a pleasing arrangement of familiar hymns and oratorios including solos, duet, trios, quartets and choruses. Soloists are Mrs. R. B. Ferguson, Mrs. Robert Jones, Miss Jean McIlhinney, F. C. Alfred, Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Rev. Moffatt Dennis and O. G. Crawford. Russell McNeill is director and Mrs. J. O. Turner, accompanist.

The cantata will be presented at the Christian church in Lexington, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Huge Timbers Used For Roof Supports

Considerable interest was created Saturday when the portable boom used at the Smith-Wray mill was brought to town to put some large timbers in place on the Babb building. Speculation had been rife among onlookers as to the method to be used in hoisting the timbers which form the support for the roof until the hoist put in appearance.

Since the entire floor space of the new building is to be free of supporting posts it was necessary to use heavy materials for the roof. For this purpose, Mr. Babb put in six timbers dimensioned 12 inches by 26 inches by 32 feet. Each piece has a board measurement of 832 feet and an approximate weight of 3328 pounds.

It was easy, once the hoist was in the right position, to elevate the huge sticks to the proper level and set them in place. Concrete posts had been poured at intervals in the tile brick wall to accommodate the heavy girders and relieve the strain from the brick. As soon as the timbers were put in place, masons resumed the work of finishing the walls.

Word was received in Heppner Tuesday that a son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Moffatt Dennis in Portland, Sunday evening, March 17. Mrs. Dennis had gone to Portland from Lexington the week previous and Mr. Dennis left for the city after morning church services at Ione Sunday, arriving there about two hours before the young man was ushered in.

Mrs. Josephine Mahoney is spending a few days in Portland, leaving Sunday for the city.